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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Organization of Psychological Strategy Board.

Following are my recommendations on the draft dated 19 February 1951:

a. Add to end of paragraph 3: For the purposes of this directive, psychological warfare shall not include overt types of economic warfare, but shall include covert operations, the operational planning and execution of which shall remain the responsibility of the agency presently charged with these responsibilities.

b. Change opening of paragraph 3 to read: "Subject to the above provisions, the Secretary of State shall continue under NSC 59/1 to be responsible for....."

This is necessary for clarity, and for retaining the applicable relationships established by NSC 59/1.

c. Add a final statement.

So much of NSC 59/1 which is consistent with the purposes and terms of this directive remains in force.

d. Removal of the board from the Department of State accords with JCS views.

The absence of a full-power member from the board may not be pleasing to the JCS but their essential interest is provided by the representative with delimited powers.

Since the basic differences between State and Defense could never be composed on any echelons (including the Senior Staff of NSC) the President took the matter in his own hands, and in a sense you are being requested by him for your view, I suggest that you informally discuss this with General Bradley but make neither informal reference (on which they normally will not act) nor formal reference to the JCS which would result in the injection of details and start the interminable wrangle over again.

e. With the clarification changes suggested above, I recommend that you concur in the draft substantially as written.

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

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